

Sub D3 16. (Amended) A compact sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport, said apparatus comprising:

a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein said double-walled boiler comprises a cylindrical boiler placed within a cylindrical outer boiler, wherein the inner boiler has a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

#### New Claims

Sub D5 22. (New) A sterilization apparatus for medical instruments and the like objects which are easy to handle and/or remove, consisting of:

a casing with a sterilization chamber comprising a double-walled boiler whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall of said boiler;

regulators and heating elements for performing the sterilization process by means of which temperature and steam generated therefrom are controlled, wherein said casing comprises a cylindrical horizontally arranged boiler wherein said cylindrical inner boiler has a volume of 10 to 50 liters and is horizontally placed and wherein said fluid partially fills a cylindrical space between said boilers, and wherein during the sterilization process the upper cylindrical space is filled with steam pulsatingly into said inner boiler.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly claim the invention. Claim 22 has been added. No new matter has been added herewith. As a result of the amendment, Claims 1-12 and 14-22 are presented for further examination.

The changes made to the Specification and Claims by the current Amendments, including [deletions] and additions, are shown on the attached sheet entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment.

#### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner believes that there is no antecedent basis in Claim 1